1   --   27.   The method according to claim 26, further comprising the steps of:

2   forming eight row subpools, each row subpool uniquely identified by an

3   integer from 1 to 8, each row subpool formed from 64 sample aliquots;

4   forming eight column subpools, each column subpool uniquely identified

5   by an integer from 1 to 8, each column subpool formed from 64 sample aliquots; and

6   forming eight layer subpools, each layer subpool uniquely identified by an

7   integer from 1 to 8, each layer subpool formed from 64 sample aliquots.   --

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that this Preliminary Amendment be entered into the application prior to initial examination.

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